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THE International Union of Local Authorities has held 15 meetings over the past half-century. That it should have chosen Israel for this year's visit, which would wound up yesterday, is a compliment not only to Israel but to Asia, and as such was much appreciated. Of course, in the early decades of this century it would have been no simple matter to arrange for some hundreds of people to travel to a distant capital and it would have required too great an outlay of time and money. It was generally agreed that this year's trip was an unusual success. The visitors were intensely interested in the differing development projects they were shown, and in studying the rapid progress that has been made here despite difficult conditions. Many observed that the visit itself had been more productive than the actual business sessions.

Although the field trips took on a special importance on this occasion because most of the visitors were strangers to Israel, it was also demonstrated once again how much stimulus there is to these international meetings at various levels. For town managers from underdeveloped countries accustomed to struggling with jungle and desert, it was amazing to discover that England is having an equal struggle "developing" areas that were industrialized early, and that have now fallen behind because their factories are out of date or their mines no longer worth working.

The relatively large German delegation was surprised and happy to find far more interest than hostility or even indifference wherever they went in Israel; the South Africans tried to explain their point of view and their plans for all sections of the population to African representatives from the independent states. There is nothing stereotypical about these meetings and much depends on the personalities involved. This is one of their advantages. They help to cure all the participants of the notion that all Americans are rich, all Germans Nazis, or all Westerners imperialist colonizers.

If there is one thought we should like the visitors to take away with them, it is to wonder for a moment that their conference should not have been held in Jerusalem, the capital, but in Tel Aviv, a burgeoning city with many merits, but not the capital of this country. The guests held their final session in Jerusalem, yesterday, as they had held one in Haifa, and spent a day each in Nazareth and in Beersheba. Yet, if the venue had originally been proposed as Jerusalem, most likely the conference would never have been held in this country at all. With Israel in its second decade, and Jordan, which holds the other half of the City quite content to accept the status quo, this continued silent boycott of the capital has become untenable and absurdly unrealistic. It is high time that recognition of the capital of Israel should become part of the recognition of the country as a whole.

Addressing the gathering yesterday, Mr. Ben-Gurion reminded his guests that peace has always been the major desire of the Jewish people and that our hopes have not changed in this respect since the days of Israel. In its first ten years, Israel occupied the headlines of the world's papers with news of its military victories. For twelve decades we hope and believe the need for such battles will disappear, and our victories will be fought out in precisely that field of development which the experts come to study here.

## U.S. Senate Body Plan for First Secy.

WASHINGTON (Reuter). — A Senate Sub-Committee has selected proposals that the U.S. should appoint a First Secretary to act in the capacity of a Prime Minister and have the functions of the Minister of Defense.

The Sub-Committee, headed by Senator Henry M. Jackson, has recommended that the Senate consider the proposal of the Senate Select Committee on

## Jean Chosen As Minister For Algeria

PARIS.—President de Gaulle appointed Dr. Jean-Jacques Dauvois as the Minister for Algeria Affairs, on the recommendation of Premier Georges Pompidou, the President's Office announced:

M. Jules, former Secretary-General of the Foreign Ministry who also held ambassadorial posts in Moscow and Bonn, had a long talk with de Gaulle before the appointment.

Relatives of the 5-year-old were waiting for them outside Ankara. Friends. On being released they endorsed their families in the street, especially with the relatives of other prisoners who were set out.

Together with their families they drove to the Israeli Legation for a meal and then went to a hotel. The Israeli Legation spokesman said they would be sent home on Thursday or Friday.

They have been in prison 14 months.

### Censure Overcome

The Government later survived a second attempt to pass a censure motion on its policy for an independent nuclear striking force. Voted for the censure motion totalled 214, 62 short of the 225 needed. The Bill now goes back to the Senate for a second vote, and then back to the Assembly for a third.

Mendes cleared  
Of Infant Murder

YASSIADA ISLAND (AP).—Deposed Premier Adnan Menderes yesterday was found innocent of charges that he ordered the killing of an illegitimate child born to him and 26-year-old opera singer Ayhan Aydan.

The verdict was handed down in the special high court trying Menderes on the accusation of Gen. Ismet Inonu's 70th birthday. But the President received several congratulatory messages, among them one from West German Chancellor Adenauer.

In Baghdad, the President of the Libyan Committee for Support of Algeria, reported yesterday that the first group of Libyan volunteers will leave for Algeria soon to join the rebel forces.

*(AP, AP, Reuter)*

## Citizens Studying NATO Problems

PARIS.—The NATO parliamentary conference yesterday split into two study groups to discuss various aspects of problems confronting the Atlantic Alliance.

The Economic Committee met behind closed doors under the Chairmanship of U.S. Republican Senator Jacob Javits too hear a report by Mr. Anthony Kornblith, M.P.

Mr. Javits told the committee that American information showed Communist aid to underdeveloped countries since 1954 now totals more than \$400 million, with military assistance accounting for about one-half of the total.

Mendes failed to show any reaction when the verdict was announced but Dr. Atabay broke into a grin.

Several witnesses in what has come to be known as the "Baby case" testified the child, born in June, 1958, was premature and died before Dr. Atabay arrived on the scene. The prosecutors charged that Mendes dispatched the doctor to Miss Aydan's house to murder the infant and to cover up its illegitimate birth.

Mendes, though found innocent of infanticide, still faces grave accusations that he tampered with the Turkish Constitution during his 10-year tenure. He faces the death penalty if convicted of those charges.

**UK, Italy Agree On  
E-W Negotiations**

ROME (Reuter).—Britain and Italy on Tuesday agreed that a resumption of East-West negotiations on economic disarmament were essential for the consolidation of peace in security.

This was agreed in a two-day official visit by Britain's Prime Minister Macmillan.

The communiqué said it was agreed that mutual problems facing Italy owing to the existence of the two European trade groups "should be the subject of further intensive exchanges."

**Soviet Captain Visits  
Berlin's US Sector**

BERLIN (AP).—A Soviet helicopter landed in the mid-size West Berlin's American sector yesterday. West Berlin police reported.

They said the three men in worn Soviet uniforms and carried machine-guns or rifles. No one got in or out they reported, and it took off again about five minutes. A second Soviet helicopter hovered nearby.

**Biggest U.S. Polaris  
Atom-Sub Launched**

GROTON, Connecticut (Reuter).—The heaviest of the U.S. fleet of atom-powered Polaris missile submarines, the Ethan Allen, was launched yesterday.

The 6,000-ton displacement of the vessel makes her the heaviest U.S. submarine in the world. The average World War II American submarine was about 2,400 tons.

To our colleagues

**REV WALTER ROSENTOCK**

We share your deep grief  
on the passing of your wife

**RITA**

Management and Staff  
**SHOHAM MARITIME SERVICES**

With deep sorrow we announce the death  
at the age of 64 of our beloved

**Marcello Ben Itzhak Pinto**

(of Italy)

The funeral service will have from the Assuta Hospital,  
Tel Aviv, today, Wednesday, Nov. 28, at 12:30 p.m.

The bereaved family:  
Mother, Wife, Son, Daughter,  
Sister and Aunt.

Our heartfelt condolences to  
**MR. MOSHE AHARONI**

and members of the bereaved family  
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**Social & Personal**

President Ben-Zvi yesterday  
met the Minister of Health  
Dr. M. H. Haile, Mrs. Artur  
M. T. Balkan Ben-Zvi yesterday  
received the women dele-

gates and wives of delegates  
to the I.U.L.A. Congress.

The Foreign Minister, Mrs.  
Golds Miri, yesterday received  
the Minister of Colombia,  
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The Minister of Health, Mr.  
I. Barzilai, yesterday received  
the Swedish Ambassador, Mr.  
Hugo de Tamm.

Abu Yusuf Avidar, Ambas-  
sador-designate to Argentina,  
yesterday paid a fare-  
well call on the Speaker of  
the Knesset, Mr. Kadish Lau,  
on the eve of his departure  
to take up his post.

Commissioner Robert E.  
McNaughton, President of the  
Senate of Columbia, of  
Washington D.C., yesterday  
visited the site of the District  
of Columbia Forest in the  
U.S.A. Forest, Forest near  
Jerusalem and planted a sapling  
in the presence of repre-  
sentatives of the Foreign Min-  
istry and the Keren Kayemet.

The Mayor of Tel Aviv, Mr.  
Menachem Namir, yesterday  
received the following mem-  
ber of the American delega-  
tion to the I.U.L.A. Conference  
in the Mayor of South  
Gate, Mr. M. Dallman, and  
City Councilor S.C. Gould  
and Mrs. Gould of Santa Ana  
(California). Mayor Dallman  
delivered a scroll on behalf  
of his city's Rotary Club and  
Mr. Gould presented Mr. Namir  
with a golden key on behalf  
of the Mayor of Santa Ana,  
Mr. A.A. Hall.

Mr. Namir also received  
Mr. Burton, Chairman of the  
U.S. People's programme  
in Newton, who pre-  
sented him with a set of the  
Encyclopedia Britannica. The  
future President of the Amer-  
ican Municipal Association,  
Mayor Don Hummel of Tucson,  
and Mrs. Hummel later  
accompanied by Mr. S.W. Wad-  
dams, Public Affairs Officer  
at the U.S. Embassy.

The Jerusalem branch of the  
Israel-American Society will  
give a dinner at the Kings  
Hotel in honour of the Amer-  
ican Ambassador, Mr. Odgen  
R. Reid, on December 4. The  
Knesset Speaker, Mr. Kadish  
Lau, Foreign Minister Mrs.  
Golds Miri and Mayor Men-  
achem Ish-Shalom will be  
among those present.

The French Cultural and  
Artistic Union, in cooperation  
with the Culture Department  
of the Haifa Labour Council,  
will hold a meeting tomorrow  
in the Beittein Amphitheatre,  
Jerusalem Rd., at which  
the Minister of Education and  
Culture, Mr. Ahia Eshai  
will lecture on "Israel-French  
Relations." The French Ambas-  
sador, M. Jean Bourdelle  
will preside.

The Jerusalem Rotary Club  
will be addressed today at  
11.30 a.m. at the Y.M.C.A. by  
Mr. A. Schauder, former Mayor  
of Port Elizabeth, who will  
speak on "Housing Achievements in Port Elizabeth."

Mr. Zvi Zinder, head of the  
Government Information Cen-  
tre, will speak on "Internal  
Public Information Policy" at  
the Haifa Rotary Club at the  
Appinged Hotel at 1 p.m.  
today.

**MEMORIAL MEETING**  
A memorial-meeting for Dr.  
Moshe Gindels, late Profes-  
sor of Clinical Microbiology  
at the Hebrew University Ein  
Karem Medical School, will  
take place this evening at  
7.45 in Lecture Hall "A" at  
the Medical School. Speakers  
will be Prof. A. I. Orlitzki (in  
the chair), Prof. M. Rachmili,  
Dr. K. J. Mane, Dr. R. Rosenzweig, Dr. A. Brand  
and Prof. W. Silberman.

**Defectors Strengthen  
Korean Gov't Party**  
**SEOUL** (Reuters) — Twenty-  
two members who seceded  
from the opposition New Dem-  
ocratic Party last month  
on Tuesday joined the John  
Chang's Democratic Party to  
give the Premier an absolute  
majority in the Lower House.  
The Government party's  
strength has now increased  
to 120 seats in the 223-seat  
chamber.

**ECONOMY** — The U.S. State  
Department has ordered a re-  
duction in traveling by the  
diplomats in order to provide  
sufficient funds for operating  
costs in all the United Na-  
tions' member countries in Africa.

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**VISITORS' GALLERY****Discoverer of Insulin at 22**

Dr. Charles Herbert Best  
brought his research on the  
Golden Book of medical re-  
search as a discoverer of  
insulin at the induction age  
of 22. On January 11, 1923 — a  
memorable date in the  
lives of the world's millions  
of diabetics — an insulin trial  
was conducted at Toronto  
University Hospital on Leonard  
Thompson, the first hu-  
man to receive insulin  
treatment. He had been given  
up as incurable. He lived  
another 25 years, and was  
killed eventually in a motor-  
cycle accident.

Dr. Best was then a gradu-  
ate student of Toronto Uni-  
versity, as was his partner  
in research, the late Dr. Fred  
Banting, who died in a plane  
crash in 1941. He is now  
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The Weather

Forecast: Fair. Weather forecast: A bright day with some clouds. The Northern Mediterranean coast north-northeast wind force 4, sea state 2.

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## ARRIVALS

Mr. Michael Goren, M.M., Managing Director of the Haifa Electric Enterprise, from a mission to West Europe.

Mrs. Karol Rathaus, widow of the composer, for a short private visit.

Mr. J. S. Kornblau, Deputy Commissioner of State Revenue, from Geneva, where he participated in the GATT conference.

Mr. Christopher Cochrane, representative of the U.S. Embassy here, together with his wife and son for a one week stay during which he will have talks with the Directors of Water-shed in Haifa (Continued).

## DEPARTURE

Five Surgeons, army captains: Dr. Naum, Dr. Levy, Dr. Yosef Ben-Zvi, Dr. Tuvia, Dr. Yosef, Dr. Shlomo, Dr. Yosef, Monday night, after six months of agricultural study in Israel, returned and kibbutzim.

## TOY FUND'S NEW FRIEND

The Toy Fund is delighted at gaining a most active friend in Haifa. In a letter to *The Jerusalem Post*, Mr. Dan D. Shultz writes, "Every year you make us many children happy with your presents. The Toy Fund, which is a most beautiful project—but why no collecting centre in Haifa?"

A man of action, Mr. Shultz has placed his Paragon agency at the disposal of the Fund in Haifa and the vicinity. He and his staff, aided by delivery vans and trucks, are at the disposal of the Fund.

Haifa, with the aid of the American Israeli Paper Mills, is the scene of considerable Toy Fund activity. There is a large party for two border villages, Ma'ar and Sde Vitach, adopted by the Paper Mills, as well as a party at the Hebrew University. Toy Fund toys are distributed on all these occasions.

Only the Toy Fund days to Haifa. Cash contributions yesterday came to IL 1,500, bringing the total to IL 3,500, and include the following:

IL 200 Lehanon Lodge 28 Haifa

IL 150 Onot Gil Adon Haifa

IL 120 Jeremy, Nicholas, Belinda, Sarie, Dinah, Judith, David, Andrew, Deborah, Daniel, Steven, Wendy & Daniel Nathan New Zealand.

IL 100 Yael & Abraham Rosen

IL 100 Daniel, David 14 years

IL 100 In memory of Michael

Hanen in memory of Fritz Yona Lewin

As a gift to Gideon & Tami from grandpa: Michael & Alon Nathan, Jerusalem

IL 100 The Hague, Holland

IL 100 Mr. & Mrs. Harry Gurn

IL 100 Yehuda Blum, bat Yam

IL 100 Anonymous: Tel Aviv: Dr. Leo Hajek

IL 100 U.P.C. for Michael & Tali

Haifa: Miss Leah Rabinow

Dr. & Mrs. Solomon Froman

Memoriam of Barbara, Jan

IL 100 From Jonathan and Daniel Rosenthal instead of a birthday present to their father

IL 100 David Arieli, Jerusalem and London

IL 100 N.M. Haifa

IL 100 Anonymous: Mr. & Mrs. P. Singer, Ramat Gan

## MALI DELEGATES TO BEGIN BUSINESS TALKS

The Directors-General of the Malian Government delegation are today to begin business talks in Jerusalem with their Israeli opposite numbers which are likely to be concluded by the signing of formal agreements between both the Israel and Mali Governments.

Yesterday the delegation was the luncheon guest of Vice President Jean-Marie Kone who afterwards, for a short time, went to join the other members of the delegation in Jerusalem later today. Tonight the Malian delegation members are to be the dinner guests of Prime Minister Men-Gurion.

The delegation yesterday expressed interest in introducing a health insurance scheme for their people along the lines of Kupat Holim. They said this during a meeting with the chairman of the Kupat Holim Central Committee, Mr. Yitzhak Kanner at the Bellinson Hospital here. Mr. Kanner addressed them on social planning and health insurance in Israel and developing countries.

## SHOE SHUTDOWN IN 25TH DAY

The Jerusalem shoe manufacturers, shut down yesterday with both sides blaming each other for prolonging the dispute.

The Jerusalem Labour Council is a circular formed yesterday, threatened the plant management with "appropriate steps" in retaliation for what it called their rigid position.

## ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL NOT ATT-Y-GENERAL

In the Minister of Finance's reply to a parliamentary question by Mr. M. Nahmanovitz, Minister of Justice, Chief Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach said that he saw no reason why he should take action against the Accountant-General because no person he is, did not refer to the Attorney-General as "Att-Y-General."

## IULA CONFERENCE CLOSES ON NOTE OF MUTUAL HELP

SP. MACADAM DEAN, Jerusalem Post reporter

The 15th Congress of IULA wound up its conference in the Wise Auditorium in Jerusalem on Tuesday evening with a resolution calling on the "older, richer and well-established countries of friendship and extend mutual help to the newer, weaker and poorer ones."

The resolution, proposed by Mayor Abe Klauder of Haifa, was adopted by the delegates who shortly afterwards entered a thunderous ovation to Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion at the conclusion of his speech.

The Prime Minister's speech was addressed entirely to the young, according to Prof. E.J. Oud, who succeeded Prof. L. Spinoy, president of IULA, as spokesman for the youth of Israel.

"I am happy to be able to give you, particularly in this city, which is more than the capital of Israel, a Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion at the conclusion of his speech."

Prof. Oud repeated Mr. Ben-Gurion's quotation from Isaiah (2:4) ("Nation shall arise against nation, neither shall they learn war any more"), saying that it was the greatest blessing that anyone could bestow upon the Congregation.

"Youth of Israel" Prof. Oud added that he had been greatly struck by the "spirit of Israel" which a "people with a young youth" must have a great future.

The new President of IULA, Mr. A.O.N. Spinoy, of Malines, Belgium, informed Prof. Oud that he had been elected Honorary President of IULA as a sign of appreciation of his devoted and outstanding work during the past 12 years.

Major Mordechai Ish-Shalom, president in the absence of his predecessor, the late Major Gerhard Agron, who extended the invitation to the present Congress to meet in Israel. Presenting Meir Oud and Spinoy with Bibles, he said: "May this souvenir unite the personal bond between you and the Betarim."

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The Return to Zion The multitudes who are returning to Zion have also come from all the countries of the five continents, and the special bond that unites them is the Messianic ideal of national and universal redemption, to live in their land throughout their wanderings.

During the first period of the Return to Zion, the great pioneering effort was aimed at the return of the soil and to agriculture, and this effort will still be necessary for many years to come, for only some twenty per cent of our country is cultivated. In the coming years, however, our efforts will be concentrated on the development of the Negev — which means the building in the desert of large urban centres founded on industry, with agricultural settlements around them throughout where they can establish.

The Prophet Jeremiah said: "The cities of the Negev shall be shut up, and none shall open them; Judah shall be carried away captive; all of it shall be wholly carried away captive" (Jeremiah, 43).

This prophecy was fulfilled two thousand five hundred years ago. But Israel said: "We will bring thy seed from the East, and gather them from the West; we will give up the North to keep not back; bring my sons from far, and bring my sons from near." (Isaiah, 43: 6, 7)

And this is what has happened in our own days. The sands and tens of thousands of our brethren returned from the land of the North, namely Russia, and from the South, namely Yemen, and when we came, a little more than fifty years ago, Tel Aviv, the place where you, Congress met, was a small village of sands, without a single house or a single inhabitant.

During the next decade we are going to continue to establish units in the Negev desert, between Beersheba, the ancient city of Abraham, four thousand years ago, and Eilat the first port of King Solomon, the site of Mount Sinai.

Wreaths were placed on the stone by Mayor Ish-Shalom, Prof. Oud, Mr. Spinoy, Mr. M. Surkin, Chairman of the Local Authorities Centre in Israel; and Mr. M. Silverstein, Director General of the Ministry of Interior.

Shortly afterwards, at Har Hamenach Cemetery, Major Ish-Shalom and Prof. Oud placed a wreath on the grave of Gerhard Agron, the late Mayor of Jerusalem.

Lunch at 4 Hotels The delegation then toured the city. They were luncheon guests of Mayor Ish-Shalom at four hotels in the city; at the King David Hotel brief tours were offered, but there were no speeches. The City presented each of the delegations with a handsomely mounted scroll.

In the afternoon, Mrs. Rahel Bar-Zvi held a reception at Beit Hanassi for the wives of the delegations.

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## DETERIOR OR DEFENCE (IV)

# NATO AND DEFENCE

NATO was born on April 4, 1949, when the North Atlantic Treaty was signed in Washington by the representatives of twelve countries. Eight of these were on the European mainland — France, Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxembourg, Italy, Portugal, Denmark, and Norway. The others were Britain, Iceland, Canada, and the United States. Three more countries have joined this collective "link" since — Greece and Turkey in 1952; Federal Germany in 1955.

NATO was the offspring of the Berlin crisis — the Soviet blockade of West Berlin, maintained for eleven months and ended only by the large-scale and sustained Allied air lift that was organized to meet the emergency. The Korean crisis of 1950 provided another spur, and the creation of a Supreme Headquarters for the Allied Powers in Europe — SHAPE — for short. SHAPE officially came into existence one minute after midnight on April 2, 1951 — a birth that would seem to have been timed to avoid the proverbial risks of April Fool's Day.

### Review After 10 Years

The North Atlantic Treaty specified in Article 12 that after it had been in force for ten years it should be reviewed, at the request of any member-state in "regard to the factors then affecting peace and security." Article 12, however, laid down that only after twenty years could any member-state withdraw from the Treaty, after giving a year's notice.

It is certainly desirable that there should be a review of the Treaty, its value and present effectiveness, in the light of over ten years' experience and of present conditions. A new Berlin crisis may loom up at any time, and would be the more serious since Khrushchev has already given warning that he will be tolerated this time as he is now, if the road and rail routes to West Berlin are blocked. He has the means of applying the screw very hard unless he obtains a settlement of the whole German problem which is satisfactory to Russia.

The spur to the creation of NATO, during the Berlin crisis of 1948-49, was a reali-

sation that if the Russians were to advance westward they could swamp the Western Powers' ground defences and sweep through to the Channel coast without any check. They had about thirty divisions poised in occupied territory behind the Iron Curtain, and over 100 more available to draw upon in reinforcements from airports, whereas the Western Powers, since demobilizing, had in all only about fourty divisions on the Continent, and those were far from a state of readiness for action, while they had less than 1,000 aircraft.

### No Adequate Defence

After more than ten years of building-up NATO there is still no adequate defence against any major attack on the main front in Central Europe.

The Russians maintain almost as many active divisions as they did before twenty years ago. Germany, in other satellite countries, and about 150 in European Russia. Moreover, all the divisions in the forward areas, and many of those behind, have been entirely re-equipped with post-war types of weapon, and have had their mobility multiplied by being provided with ample transport.

By contrast, the NATO forces on the central front have been built up to a strength of barely twenty divisions and that total includes the seven West German divisions that have now been formed. Of this meagre total only five American divisions are at full strength and immediately available for action. The British, now reduced to the equivalent of three, are the next best in strength and readiness. But the Belgian (2) and Netherlands (1) divisions suffer from larger deficiencies and there would be more delay in using them in an emergency.

The French forces are the most numerous, especially those they undertook originally to contribute twenty divisions, half of them in a state of immediate readiness, but now they have only two on the spot, incomplete and unready. That is largely, although not wholly, due to the drain of the colonial war in Algeria. The spur to the creation of NATO, during the Berlin crisis of 1948-49, was a reali-

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of the NATO countries has fallen far short of the original SHAPE plan, approved in 1952, of building up a ground force of ninety divisions, of which nearly sixty were earmarked to defend the central front.

The great deficiency in the number of divisions is multiplied by many defects of organization. The existing divisions vary in size, mobility, equipment and weapons policy. The time required for mobilization in the different national armies varies from three to forty-five days. The difference in types of weapon, types of vehicles, and supply systems are a great handicap to strategic flexibility — making it difficult to move divisions from one sector to another, or to concentrate onto the seaborne traffic routes of the West, and Britain's in particular.

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### YESTERDAY'S PRESS

## Israel and the Arabs

**Davar** (Hiladot), commenting on the Foreign Minister's recent press conference, says that any attempt to mediate in the Arab-Israel dispute would be "harmful and dangerous. There is no possibility of mediation between two parties so long as one of them claims the other's right to exist," the paper declares, "and there is no room for the mediation of a third party so long as the first two have not tried to reach agreement in direct and sincere negotiations..

If there are well-meaning countries and individuals who are unable to promote Arab-Israel peace, they have only one task — to persuade the Arab rulers to open direct negotiations with Israel. The mediators turn will come afterwards." **Hatsofa** (National Religious Party) says that, while renewed American interest in promoting a settlement of the Arab-Israel dispute is welcome, the most important question is whether America should direct its efforts to the improvement of the refugee and compensation problems. "Israel has already made concession after concession in retreating from her historic borders and her willingness to accept a reasonable solution of the refugee and compensation problems... The only barrier to peace is criminal Arab adventurism which still threatens the revived Jewish homeland," the paper concludes.

**Hanoudia** (Agudat Yisrael), on the same subject, writes: "Mr. Kennedy wants to succeed in such a task, he must first prepare the ground by reaching an understanding with the Soviet Union at least as regards Middle Eastern problems. As long as this region remains an arena of conflict between the blocs,

nothing can be gained by an attempt to bring about peace between Israel and her neighbours."

### Fisherman's Release

**Haboker** (General Zionist), after welcoming the release of the Israeli fishermen with the amnesty in Turkey, warns against any further fishing adventure. "To many of us," the paper continues, "Despite our desire to extend our fishing grounds on the high seas, we must remember that this may result in a worsening of our relations with Turkey."

**She'arim** (Poalei Agudat Yisrael) hopes that the ending of the "Suezit" episode will result in improved relations between Israel and Turkey.

**Ha'retz** (non-party), in its first editorial, **Hanoudia** (Agudat Yisrael) and **Al Hanassim** (Mapam) discuss recent proposals for arbitration in labour disputes.

**Arbitration**

**Ma'ariv** finds a vast difference between the arbitration proposal submitted by Mr. Ben-Gurion and the Arbitration Committee's proposal. Mr. Ben-Gurion and Mr. Etan add that if a magic formula has been discovered which satisfies all of them, and Mr. Lavon too, it is highly doubtful if the compromise answers the immediate demands of the secondary school teachers. The compromise has not removed the teachers' strike threat, it is quite possible that the dispute will only become more intense.

**Ha'retz** (non-party) also writes about the recent British elections.

**Gonen** (Histadrut) comments on the Bank of Israel's report on the rise in the means of payment.



Dr. Walter Abecassis, Israeli Ambassador to Colombia, presents his credentials to President Alberto Lleras Camargo.

## India Happy About Kennedy

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**NEW DELHI** — SENATOR John Kennedy's victory in the American presidential campaign has caused much jubilation in the Indian capital. Describing the President-Elect as "a friend of India," Prime Minister Nehru said at a conference of governors of Indian states that the election of a man who was uncommitted by the present United Nations Administration offered certain beneficial opportunities.

Other official spokesmen of

the ruling Congress Party

and the Indian press went

beyond the Prime Minister's cautious optimism in hailing Mr. Kennedy's success.

To many of them it is

a vindication of all that India stands for in international affairs and a guarantee of uninterrupted progress in the third

five-year plan. There are two

major reasons for this attitude.

Firstly, Mr. Kennedy is

seen as an unequivocal re-

porter of India's position

in the new President's

foreign policy.

Secondly, he is pledged to

the propositions

that India should be allowed

to participate in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

**Former Ambassador's Role**

Above all, the position of

Mr. Chester Bowles, former

U.S. Ambassador to Delhi,

as one of Mr. Kennedy's top

advisers on foreign policy,

is considered very likely to

make for closer India-U.S. relations.

There will be immense sa-

tisfaction here if Mr. Bowles

becomes the next Secretary

of State, although Mr. Adlai Stevenson is considered the

more likely choice.

Commenting editorially on

the election, "The Times of

India" says: "The people of

India and of other underde-

veloped countries have

been a result of President Franklin Roosevelt's warm advocacy of Indian Independence during the World War II.

Government spokesmen tend

to the view that the new Ad-

ministration will strive hard

for an understanding with the

Soviet Union. A bold

and uncompromising ap-

proval of disarmament

is expected.

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